

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL: _____

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE: September 25, 2007

SUBJECT: Consideration to accept an additional \$24,000 pursuant to the Hurricane Education Recovery Act.

SUBMITTED BY: Ralph Romero, Mattie McVey Lord

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: September 7, 2006

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The U.S. Department of Education (USED) has allocated funds to State educational agencies (SEAs) under the Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students program, authorized under the Hurricane Education Recovery Act (Act).

The Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students program (Section 107 of the Act) provided funds, for the 2005-2006 school year only, to eligible SEAs to enable them to make Emergency Impact Aid payments to eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) to assist with the cost of educating students displaced by Hurricane Katrina or Rita, for nonpublic schools serving displaced students, and for Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)-funded schools serving displaced students.

The amount of disbursements to the local educational agencies was contingent upon the availability of federal funds to ADE. Variables included the number of displaced students identified by each local educational agency on four dates specified by USED (10/1/05, 12/1/05, 2/1/06, 4/1/06) and the amount of funding appropriated by Congress to serve such students.

Initially, USED was unable to provide the maximum allowable allocation; however, an additional \$235 million was later authorized for such purpose. Given that the \$2.4 million estimate in February was based on only 3 of the 4 "displaced student" counts, it was merely a projection. ADE slightly underestimated the number of "displaced students." After collecting data on all 4 counts and applying to USED for funds, ADE is eligible to receive \$2,424,000.00. This is \$24,000 beyond what was originally authorized by the State Board on February 27, 2006.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW

Request that the State Board of Education approve receipt of an award of an additional \$24,000 pursuant to §15-206, and ARS 15-207, from the United States Department of Education and authorizes expenditures in accordance with the terms of the award.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [] NO [X]